## II. *The* Caſe *of a* Lad *bitten by a* mad Dog, *communicated in a Letter from Mr.* Edward Nourſe, *F. R. S. and* Chirurgeon *to* St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, *to* Cromwell Mortimer, *M. D. Secr. R. S.*

*Dear SIR,*

PReſuming that the following Caſe will be acceptable to the Society, I beg Leave to communicate it through your Hands. *I am*

*Your moſt obedient Servant,*

18 *Jan.* 1736-7. Edward Nourſe.

*STephen Bellaſs*, aged about Sixteen, ſome time in *June* 1735, was bit by a mad Dog through the Nail of his Right Thumb: I was called immediately upon the Accident, when I propoſed to make a Ligature above, and to cauterize the wounded Part; but that not being complied with, I deſired Mr. *Gernum* the *Apothecary*, who was preſent, to make up the Remedy mentioned by *Dampier* in our *Tranſactions*, N° 237 [and 443.] (*viz.*) ℞ *Lichen ciner. terreſtris, Piper. nig. aa* ℥i. *f. Pulvis.* Of this Powder he took a Dram, within an Hour after he was bit; repeated it the next Morning before he ſet out for *Graveſend*, where he was ten Days, and dipt in the ſalt Water every Day; during which Time he repeated the Medicine Night and Morning, and continued ſo to do for forty Days. This Boy was without

out the leaſt Sign of being affected by the Poiſon, till *Tueſday* laſt the 11th of *January* 1736-7. when in the Evening he complained of a Numbneſs in three of the Fingers of the Hand that was not bit: On *Wedneſday* Morning he was ſick, had great Pain acroſs his Stomach, and in all his Bones; in the Evening I was ſent for to bleed him, the People about him ſuppoſing he had got Cold. When I came, I found him feveriſh, with a hard full Pulſe: I asked what Complaints he had? He told me thoſe abovementioned. I inquired what Nouriſhment he had taken that Day? the Anſwer was, None, for he could not ſwallow; whereupon I looked into his Mouth, but there was no Inflammation; neither did any thing occur to me that could poſſibly produce the Difficulty of ſwallowing, he ſaid, he had: I offered him ſome Sack-whey in a Baſon, but he ſtarted at the Sight of it, neither would he ſuffer it to come near him; I then offered him a Spoonful, which I prevailed upon him to ſwallow: The Moment it was down, he was convulſed, and a remarkable Horror appeared in his Countenance, which was ſucceeded by a profuſe Sweat all over his Face and Head. He afterwards took another Spoonful; the Conſequence was as before, but in ſomewhat a higher Degree: I was now convinced that this was the ὑδροφοβία, and that it aroſe from his having been bit nineteen Months ago; for after the moſt ſtrict Inquiry, it does not appear that he has been bit by any Animal ſince; and if he had, it is very probable I ſhould have known it, his Maſter living next Door to me, and the Boy knowing how much Danger we thought him in, when he was bit: I acquainted his Friends with my Apprehenſions, and deſired

deſired farther Advice; upon which Dr. *Monro* was ſent for, who ordered him to be let Blood, a Repetition of the above-mentioned Medicine in a Bolus every four Hours, and a Clyſter: He was blooded, and the Clyſter was injected; but he was prevailed upon to take but one of the Boluſſes. This Night was ſpent with great Inquietude, and without any Sleep: *Thurſday* Morning he was generally convulſed, and had frequent Reachings and Yawnings alternately; about Noon his Mind (which till then continued ſound) left him, and he raved and foamed at the Mouth till five o'Clock in the Afternoon; at which Time Nature ſeemed quite ſpent, and he lay very quiet till Seven, when he died.

The Poiſon in this Boy, you find, was latent near nineteen Months; which I know the Books mention, but it never fell within my Obſervation before.

I do not know whether it be neceſſary to tell you, that I cut this Boy for the Stone laſt Summer, about a Year after he had been bit; I never ſaw a Wound more diſpoſed to heal, and he was well and abroad in five Weeks.

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## III. *An* Explanation *of the* Runic Characters *of* Helſingland, *by Mr.* Andrew Celſius, *R. S. Suec. Secr. F. R. S. and Profeſſor of Aſtronomy at* Upſal.

'TIS well known, that there are Stones found in the ſeveral Parts of *Sueden*, which were formerly ſet up as Obelisks in Memory of the Dead. Theſe